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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Schwarz
Serial No.: 09/733,306
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For: *METHODS OF FACILITATING VASCULAR GROWTH IN CARDIAC
MUSCLE AND METHODS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT
EMAP II*

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 26, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.